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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 99-1675, MM Docket No. 99-270, RM-9703]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Taos, NM

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Darren Cordova seeking the allotment of Channel 240A to Taos, NM, as the community's third local FM service. Channel 240A can be allotted to Taos in

compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 9.7 kilometers (6.0 miles) southeast, at coordinates 36-21-48 NL; 105-28-51 WL, to avoid a short-spacing to the proposed allotment of Channel 240A at Chama, NM. See MM Docket 99-116, 64 FR 23036, April 29, 1999.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 12, 1999, and reply comments on or before October 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: James R. Bayes, Todd M. Stansbury, Wiley, Rein & Fielding, 1776 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006 (Counsel to petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-270, adopted August 11, 1999, and released August 20, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available

for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

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